

Prints of Peace

FROM
THE
PASTOR



You're receiving this newsletter sometime around the end of February, which means that Lent has just begun for this year. Lent 2020 began on Ash Wednesday, February 26, and will end as we enter the Great Three Days on Maundy Thursday, April 9.

Perhaps 2020 is a special year to focus on Lent. Whenever I say the number "2020," I think of eyesight, because perfect eyesight is sometimes referred to as "20/20 vision." For many of us, this type of vision is only possible with glasses or contact lenses. (I know without my glasses, I have something like 20/300 vision. Thanks be to God for optometry!) Lent is a time for reflection, for self-examination, for attempting to see *ourselves* with 20/20 vision. It is not always easy, or pleasant, to view ourselves so honestly. There are times when I'd prefer to see myself through blurred lenses, obscuring the crisp edges of my mistakes and my brokenness. But in Lent, we are "called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor" (from the Ash Wednesday liturgy in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*). This is a time to *focus*, a time to *see clearly*, a time to *look for renewal*.

The waters of baptism act as a mirror, allowing us to see ourselves for who we truly are: sinful, broken creations who have turned away from God over and over again. But these same waters also allow us to see ourselves as God's beloved children, filled with newness and life. Because through these waters, God cleanses us, renews us, and fills us, that we might overflow with God's mercy and grace. Baptism is like our 20/20 corrective lenses.

I invite you to seek 20/20 vision this Lent. And I invite you to make use of several resources at Prince of Peace that may help.

MIDWEEK STUDY: "SEEKING FOR MEANING." Each Wednesday evening from March 4 through April 1, we will gather to discuss honestly where meaning can be found in life. We will explore the biblical book of Ecclesiastes, as well as the practice of mindfulness, in our search. Each week's program will run from 7:00 – 8:00 pm, with coffee and fellowship available from 6:30 – 8:30.

DAILY EMAIL DEVOTIONS: Joe Scholtes will again offer daily Lenten devotions over email. If you're not already on his mailing list, let me know and I'll pass your name and address on.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS. The artistry and depth of our handmade Stations will be available for individual or group walking throughout the season of Lent. If you would like to walk the Stations at a particular time, please contact me and I'll try to accommodate you.

LENTEN WORSHIP: Come and praise the God who creates you, who redeems you, who enlivens you. Come and receive the gift of God's Word proclaimed, and the gifts of Christ's body and blood. Come and worship each Sunday, as well as on Ash Wednesday and the Great Three Days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, (Holy Saturday Healing Service,) and Easter Vigil.

Blessings,

Rev. Mich. J. Scholtes



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Please keep these people in prayer on the anniversary of their birth!

- Virginia PensylMarch 1
- Stella Nelson.....March 2
- Patrick ItterlyMarch 2
- Gladys Steinmetz.....March 3
- Joe ScholtesMarch 3
- Everett Reimer Jr.March 3
- William Heitzman, III...March 5
- Marissa HillMarch 5
- Thomas Chamberlin.March 6
- Lori Kuhs.....March 6
- Kody Garis.....March 6
- Sadie Baker.....March 7
- Rebecca FlyteMarch 9
- Valerie KesslerMarch 11
- Tylor Duffin.....March 13
- Kevin GillowMarch 14
- James JenningsMarch 14
- Olivia FraunfelterMarch 17
- Dennit GoldenMarch 18
- Gillian SmithMarch 21
- Brian HowerMarch 25
- Alison KrockMarch 28
- Allison ManickeMarch 30
- Lois NeileyMarch 31

FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

*We approved some significant changes to the Turtzo Memorial Scholarship Application and Guidelines. Many thanks to the Scholarship Committee for their excellent work over the last few months! The 2020 Scholarship Application will be available on the POP website soon. As a reminder, applicants must be entering at least their second year of post-high school education in the fall.

*Council supported the idea of having an "All-Committee Meeting" sometime in the near future. The idea here is to have a meeting with representatives from every committee in the congregation. (As many people as want to from each committee.) The goal will be to give each group a chance to share what they're up to this year, and look for ways of supporting one another **and** collaborating with one another.

RECENT PASTORAL ACTS

FUNERAL: Shirley M. Bisher, February 8

FUNERAL: Pearl A. Reimer, February 12

FUNERAL: Margaret L. "Peg" Golden, February 15

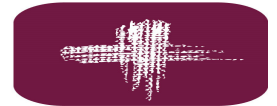
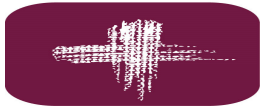


FINANCIAL SUMMIT

Our Treasurer and Finance Committee are presenting a special "Financial Summit" on Sunday, March 15 after worship. At this meeting, they will present a snapshot of where Prince of Peace is financially. They will discuss offerings, other income, expenses, investments, and more. All are encouraged to attend. The goal of the day is to give every member of Prince of Peace a clearer understanding of our financial picture. Do you have questions about how we spend money? About how our investments work? About how our various funds are used? About a forecast for the future? We hope that everyone who attends will leave the meeting with deeper understanding and stronger trust in our financial leaders. A luncheon will follow with soup and sandwiches provided. Please feel free to bring a dessert to share. Childcare will also be provided.

The Bangor Alumni is collecting used instruments for the Bangor Area School District. Instruments are repaired, refurbished, and given to the schools so that children who cannot afford an instrument can play in the school bands. For more information, or to donate, please contact Sherk Jones at 610-588-5198.

Lent



LENTEN WORSHIP

- **Ash Wednesday**, February 26 @ 10:30 am and 7:00 pm. *The Holy Spirit calls us to the discipline of Lent.*
- **Sunday**, March 1 @ 9:45 am. *Jesus withstands the temptations of the devil as he begins his ministry of redemption.*
- **Sunday**, March 8 @ 9:45 am (and **Saturday**, March 7 @ 5:30 pm). *Jesus opens the mind of a seeking visitor to God's extraordinary grace.*
- **Sunday**, March 15 @ 9:45 am. *Jesus opens the heart of a foreign woman to God's extraordinary grace.*
- **Sunday**, March 22 @ 9:45 am (and **Saturday**, March 21 @ 5:30 pm). *Jesus opens the eyes of a blind man, who proclaims God's extraordinary grace.*
- **Sunday**, March 29 @ 9:45 am. *Jesus opens the tomb of Lazarus, and provides new life where once was only death.*
- **Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion**, April 5 @ 9:45 am (and **Saturday**, April 4 @ 5:30 pm). *Jesus rides into Jerusalem in victory, and then suffers and dies.*

THE GREAT THREE DAYS

- **Maundy Thursday**, April 9 @ 7:00 pm. *Jesus gives a new commandment and a new gift on the eve of his crucifixion.*
- **Good Friday**, April 10 @ 7:00 pm. *Jesus dies for us.*
- **Holy Saturday Healing Service**, April 11 @ 5:30 pm. *The Spirit offers us a sign of healing in the midst of our brokenness.*
- **Great Vigil of Easter**, April 12 @ 6:00 am. *Christ is risen!*
- **Sunday**, April 12 @ 9:45 am. *Christ is risen indeed!*



Inclement Weather: If Sunday School is canceled, a phone tree will begin to let all registered parents know. Also, I will send out a mass email, and it will be posted on our Facebook page.

If worship is canceled (which is very rare), I will send out a mass email, and it will be posted on our Facebook page. It will also be reported to Channel 69, which you can check either online or on television. You can also call the church at 610-588-2355. I expect to be there each Sunday by 8:00 or 8:15 whatever the weather. (If it's bad enough that I can't slide across the parking lot, then it's *really* bad!)

Important Note: Worship will only be canceled in very extreme situations. Just because we're open doesn't mean that every road is safe. ***Please use your best judgment when deciding whether to come or not. If it's not safe for you, then please don't come.***



THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE!

DATE	POWER POINT	USHERS	GREETERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	LAY READER	BREAD BAKER	ACOLYTE	ASSISTING MINISTER
Sunday, March 1	Kim Jennings	Hughes Family	John and Georgia Suranofsky	Tina Johns, Kelly Hill	Sherry Hock	TBD	Maxwell Manicke	Erinn Stanmets
Saturday, March 7	Antonioli Family		Butch Stana					Marlene Stana
Sunday, March 8	Jim Jennings	John and Georgia Suranofsky, Justine Cesari, Diane Hahn	Vivian Fahr, Kathy Griggs	Juanita Hower, Kale Baker	Connie Iterly		Zoe Scholtes	Tina Johns
Sunday, March 15	Owen Jennings	Sara Godshalk, Cathy Mullen, Juanita Hower, Vivian Fahr	Butch Stana	Diane Hahn, Linda Waszmer	Tony DeVito		Kody Garis	Kale Baker
Saturday, March 21	Cathy Mullen		Butch Stana					Marlene Stana
Sunday, March 22	Tina Johns	Kim and Jim Jennings, Brooks Baker, Kale Baker	Sherk and June Jones	Kelly Hill, Juanita Hower	Chip Harrison		Julia Antonioli	Laraine Brands
Sunday, March 29	Cathy Mullen	Linda Waszmer, Heather Scholtes, Sue Reinhart, Tina Johns	Mary O'Meally	Kale Baker, Jim Jennings	Brooks Baker		Jayden Garis	Ben Manicke
Saturday, April 4	Antonioli Family		Butch Stana					Marlene Stana
Sunday, April 5 Palm Sunday	Jim Jennings	Keith Heard, John Martocci, Carolyn Leidy, Holly Blakeslee	John and Georgia Suronofsky	Tina Johns, Kelly Hill	Kale Baker	Kim Jennings	Quincy Miller	Owen Jennings

March Altar Guild: Heather Scholtes and Jean Janosa

April Altar Guild: Kim Jennings and Kelly Hill

Offering Counters:

- 3/1: Scott Schipps
- 3/8: Connie Iterly
- 3/15: Marlene Stana
- 3/22: Ben Manicke
- 3/29: Chip Harrison
- 4/5: Dave Karner

Looking ahead—Can you help at the Easter service (s)? April 12th.

A sign-up sheet will be available in the Narthex for each service. Thank you so much!!

****If you are unable to fulfill an assignment, please find someone to take your place and let Pastor Scholtes know of the change as soon as possible. For last minute changes be sure to leave the message on Pastor Scholtes' voice mail (610-588-2355) or email him at PastorMJS@gmail.com.**



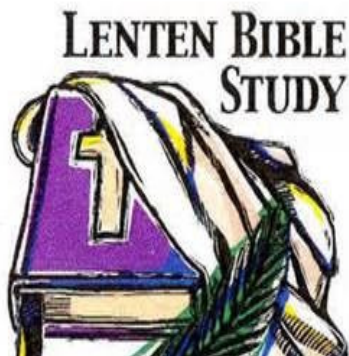


Social Ministry News:

Have you wondered where the joyful noise money goes? In the past half went to ELCA World Hunger, and half to a Third World Country. Last year it all went to ELCA World Hunger. This year half again will go to ELCA World Hunger and the other half will help locally. Brenda Stauffer has been in contact with the director of The Slater Family Network, our local family center. Through Slater Family, we will be helping to provide food for children in the Bangor School District whose families are having trouble paying for food right now. So let's keep the loose change coming the last Sunday of the month, and don't forget to use the pail in the Narthex whenever you're in church. You may also sign up for online giving to this collection through VANCO. Social Ministry thanks you for your continued support of this and all our projects. Let's continue to do God's work with a generous, faithful heart. — *Mary O'Meally*

MIDWEEK STUDY: SEEKING FOR MEANING

Who am I? What am I supposed to do with my life? Is there meaning in anything? Is God real? What really matters? During Lent this year, we are going to explore questions like these each Wednesday from March 4 through April 1.



There will be no easy answers, no simple solutions like, "Just follow Jesus." (What does "follow Jesus" mean, after all?) This exploration will be honest and serious, and may not be for the faint of heart! Then who is it for? It's for teenagers questioning their identity. For 40-somethings going through a mid-life crisis. For senior citizens looking back on their lives and wondering. For people with a chronic disease. For people who think deeply. For people who aren't sure what they believe. For people who *want* to believe, but struggle with it. For anyone wondering what the meaning of life is, and willing to talk about it.

We will be looking at the biblical book of Ecclesiastes, a thought-provoking and surprisingly modern tale. We will also explore the practice of mindfulness, as well as one or two other things. Come on out, each Wednesday in March (plus April 1), from 7:00 to 8:00 pm for the program. Come early or stay late if you like – coffee and fellowship will be available from 6:30 – 8:30 each week. Questions? Contact Pastor Scholtes.

Save the Date: Lutheran Day at the Capital is set for Monday, May 18. Bring your faith to the table and join Lutherans from around the state for worship, learning, advocacy and action.

The day will include worship, a keynote address, legislative briefing and visit training, workshops, a continental breakfast and lunch. Come to be inspired, prepared and equipped to act as church together, for the sake of the world. Watch for additional information, including registration materials!

—Questions? *See Brenda Stauffer*



Another great Silent Auction is in the books! Many thanks to the Fun & Fellowship Committee, and all those others who came out to help, including the cleanup crew. Many thanks to all those who donated items, gift certificates, money, and otherwise. Many thanks to all who attended and bid on hundreds of items. There are still some bills to settle, but it looks like the total profit was about \$5,000.



Thank you!!!



Thank you to everyone who helped assemble layettes, made a monetary donation and/or donated items for the Layette Project this year! We also received \$250 from the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Thrivent Action Teams, Live Generously program which was used to purchase layette items and postage to ship our kits to Maryland.

This was our fifteenth year and we had fun assembling 35 layettes for those in need. We have made 538 layettes since starting this project in 2006. Thank you for your support!

--Michele Harrison, Joanne Schipps and the Social Ministry Committee.



We will be hosting (overnight) some choir students from the Hofstra Choir after a concert here at Prince of Peace on Friday, March 20.

They will arrive at about 4pm, practice, have dinner in the fellowship hall and perform their concert at 7 pm.

They will then go home with host families. They need to be back at the church in the morning to get on the bus.

Anyone that is interested please let me know.

Thank you, **Laraine Brands** (home 570-897-5659)

P.S. Invite your family and friends to join you at the concert!

The Real Readers Schedule for 2020

March 5: Where the Crawdads Sing by Della Owen (Sandy)

April: The Lying Game by Ruth Ware (Charmaine)

May 7: The Tattooist of Auschwitz
by Heather Morris (Mary)

June 4: If the Creek Don't Rise by Leah Weiss (Sherry)
Ice Cream Social at Church

July 2: The Rooster Bar by John Grisholm (Joy)

August 6: The Secret Wife of Aaron Burr by
Susan Hollowell Scott (Wanda)

September 3: The Paris Seamstress by Tashia Lester (Janet)

October 1: The Haunting of Hill House
by Shirley Jackson (Cheryl)

November 5: River Bodies by Karin Katcher (Terry)

December: A Cedar Cove Christmas by Debbie Macomber
(Joan) Meeting at Cheryl's House



Many food pantries find that at certain times of the year shelves aren't as full as months such as December or November, those with big "food" holidays. Yes, it's awesome to think of those less fortunate at these times, but sadly, there are so many who need the help all year long to keep food on their table.

We at Prince of Peace are always doing what we can for our local food bank, PUMP and since the holidays are over and the shelves aren't as full, we, Social Ministry are asking you to please take "THE LENTEN CHALLENGE"! What is this challenge? It's simple. Every day during the Lenten season March 1—29, we pledge to add one non-perishable food item from a list, (that will be available at church) in a bag or box and each Sunday bring those items to church. Everything collected will be delivered to PUMP to fill those shelves! Keep your eyes and ears open for more info soon and hope you all can take the Lenten Challenge! (See Page 7)

The March ‘Lenten Challenge’

This month, Social Ministry is asking you to support our local food pantry, PUMP, by taking part in our Lenten Challenge. Every day in March, add one daily item to a box. Bring the box with you to POP each week and place your items in the PUMP bin.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Box of Cereal	Peanut Butter	Stuffing Mix	Can of Mixed Veggies	Mac and Cheese	Canned Fruit	Canned Tomatoes
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Canned Tuna	Dessert Mix	Applesauce	Canned Sweet Potatoes	Pudding / Jello Cups	Baked Beans	Box of Crackers
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Package of Rice	Package of Oatmeal	Box of Pasta	Spaghetti Sauce	Chicken Noodle Soup	Tomato Soup	Canned Corn
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Boxed Potatoes	Canned Carrots	Canned Peas	Canned Green Beans	Juice Boxes	Canned Gravy	Cookie Mix
29	30	31	Thank you for your generosity!			
Canned Chicken	Pancake Mix	Popcorn				

Trees of Life

(This column, written by Joe Scholtes, draws connections between faith and creation.)



I sometimes think that my “second Bible” is J. R. R. Tolkien’s “Lord of the Rings.” I have read it many times; first, because I enjoy the story, and, second, because I encounter moving and thoughtful passages. One of my favorite includes Treebeard’s words about Saruman’s destruction of the forest. Treebeard says, “Many of these trees were my friends, creatures I had known from nut and acorn; many of them had voices of their own that are lost forever now. And there are wastes of stump and bramble where once there were singing groves.”

In those words, Tolkien warns us of the harm humans can do to creation. In the Ash Wednesday liturgy, God’s people also acknowledge this danger in the words, “Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you. Have mercy on us, O God.”

Pray daily for the wellbeing of all that God has made. Reflect on how you can conserve natural resources and support efforts to reduce our world’s use of fossil fuels. Take actions that will serve the health of trees and all living things.

Save the Date: Our Easter Egg Hunt

Will be held on April 5th—11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lunch and crafts will be included. Please bring a basket or bag to take home goodies and crafts.

Questions? See Luke Hoff



Save the date!
~Harp & Heels~
Calvin Stokes
and
Laura Pedersen
will be in concert
here at P.O.P. on
Sunday, May 3
at 3 p.m.
Invite your
family and friends
to join you!!



HARP & Heels

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 3 p.m. Slate Belt Lutheran Youth Leaders Meeting	2 5 p.m. Daisy Troop 6:30 p.m. Cub Pack 41 7 p.m. Troop 941	3 6:30 p.m. 4-H 6:30 p.m. Social Ministries 7 p.m. Faith Education for All	4 6:30 p.m. Lenten Midweek Study 7 p.m. Boy Scouts	5 10 a.m. Coffee Hour and Activities 6:30 p.m. Real Readers	6 9:30 a.m. GEMS: Bulletin Assembly	7 1 p.m. Decorating 5:30 p.m. Worship and Holy Communion (CHANGE CLOCKS 1 Hour AHEAD)
8 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 11 a.m. POP-HQ	9 5 p.m. Daisy Troop 6:30 p.m. Cub Pack 41 7 p.m. Troop 941	10 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 9 a.m. GFWC—Art Contest set-up and judging of art 6:30 p.m. 4-H 7 p.m. Venture Crew	11 6:30 p.m. Lenten Midweek Study 7 p.m. Boy Scouts 7 p.m. Property Committee	12 10 a.m. Coffee Hour and Activities	13 9:30 a.m. GEMS: Bulletin Assembly	14
15 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Screenings 9:45 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion 11 a.m. Financial Summit	16 5 p.m. Daisy Troop 6:30 p.m. Cub Pack 41 7 p.m. Troop 941	17 St. Patrick's Day 10 a.m. GFWC—set-up, luncheon, meeting 6:30 p.m. 4-H 7 p.m. Stewardship	18 6:30 p.m. Lenten Midweek Study 7 p.m. Boy Scouts	19 10 a.m. Coffee Hour and Activities	20 9:30 a.m. GEMS: Bulletin Assembly 2 p.m. Hofstra Choir, practice, meal 7 p.m. Hofstra Choir Concert	21 5 p.m. Blood Pressure Screenings 5:30 p.m. Worship and Holy Communion
22 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion Make a Joyful Noise Offering	23 5 p.m. Daisy Troop 6:30 p.m. Cub Pack 41 7 p.m. Troop 941	24 6:30 p.m. 4-H 7 p.m. Venture Crew	25 6:30 p.m. Lenten Midweek Study 7 p.m. Boy Scouts	26 10 a.m. Coffee Hour and Activities 2 p.m. Staff Meeting	27 9:30 a.m. GEMS: Bulletin Assembly	28
29 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion	30	31 6:30 p.m. 4-H	April 1 6:30 p.m. Lenten Midweek Study 7 p.m. Boy Scouts	April 2 10 a.m. Coffee Hour and Activities 6:30 p.m. Real Readers	April 3	April 4 10 a.m. Decorating Committee 5:30 p.m. Worship and Holy Communion



ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:

Marriage Encounter Weekends provide an opportunity for married couples to rediscover the person you fell in love with and to enrich and revitalize that relationship. Please check the list of 2020 Northeast US Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends below, and decide what Weekend will work for you, and sign up as soon as possible to be sure you get the Weekend of your choice.

* April 24-26, 2020 at Country Inn & Suites, Ithaca, NY. A hotel with lots of country charm in the beautiful Finger Lakes region of New York.

* May 1-3, 2020 at Heritage Hotel in Lancaster, PA. A recently-renovated hotel, home of the unique, tree-house-inspired restaurant, "Loxley's."

* October 2-4, 2020 at Comfort Inn Latham-Albany North--just 10 miles north of Interstate 90 near Albany, the vibrant capital of NY.

* October 16-18, 2020 at Olmsted Retreat. A stunning, hotel-style retreat Center in the Allegheny National Forest, 2 hours north of Pittsburgh.

To register for a Weekend, please go to the to the national website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and see the very reasonable group rate for each Weekend. You may make your payment for the cost of your lodging and 5 meals for each of you plus the registration fee with your credit card, or you may mark the option to send a check. Scholarships are available for those in need who request them at the website. Registrations are limited by the size of the conference rooms, so to be sure to get the Weekend of your choice, sign up now at: www.GodLovesMarriage.org. For questions please contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or fjschamber@comcast.net.



The Altar Guild is in need of volunteers to bake bread for communion.

If you would like to volunteer please contact Janet Martocci, Cathy Mullen or Sue Reinhart for details. If you presently are one of our bakers please choose your date and sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the sacristy. Thank you, *-The Altar Guild*

IMPORTANT: Everyone that uses this building is responsible of turning off lights, locking or checking doors, checking the restrooms before leaving the building. Please consider this as your home when you are here and treat it as such. — *The Property Committee*

Become A SPONSOR !

After many years of sharing our news about POP in a printed monthly newsletter, it is now time to use current means of correspondence which is using the internet. While many of us can view the newsletter on our website or receive it by email, there are some that will need to have it printed. While we had concerns on whether to continue sponsorship in 2020 for our newsletter (even though we are using the internet), we will still incur costs. Please feel free to continue to support our monthly newsletter by sponsoring it with a generous donation of \$15.00. You will be able to sign up on the sheet in the hallway near the church offices.

Stewardship

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PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 2020

BLESSED

“When you focus on *“being a blessing”*, God makes sure you are always blessed in abundance.” - Joel Osteen. (italics mine)

When I read this quote, I thought of Prince of Peace right away. There always is someone *“being a blessing”*. Just in these past few weeks, Prince of Peace members were involved in quite a few ways of using their time, God given talents, love and generosity. These are ways that we are blessed by God.



We joined together for a Layette Shower where 35 kits including clothing, diapers and soap were put together and then sent out where they were needed. Afterwards, fellowship and a light lunch was enjoyed. With the help of Michelle Harrison and Joanne Schipps, our church has participated in this for 16 years! Over 600 kits have been sent worldwide in that time. Just imagine how many people were blessed by this fun event.

The Sunday School children decorated bags and handed them out for food donations on “Hunger Emphasis Sunday”. The response was overwhelming! There was a “Souper Bowl Sunday” on Super Bowl Sunday of course (Feb 2), where non-perishables were donated - 2 wash baskets were filled and delivered to PUMP! Sunday School also planned to spend time at Safe Harbor in Easton (Feb 8) serving homemade soup and peanut butter & jelly sandwiches. Another huge basket was donated for this. I’m quite sure they will have fun ... *“being a blessing”* that day.



“Being a blessing” to someone doesn’t have to be hard or boring. All it takes is a little planning and a whole lot of love. So how are we blessed in abundance you might ask? Well, just look around. We have such a beautiful church to worship in and wonderful caring people who make all this happen. We are blessed to be able to give. Also, I don’t know about you, but I *“feel blessed”*, happy that I’m able to carry out God’s work, whenever I can.



One blessing we received on February 2, is we enjoyed the God given talent of song from Jarrett Ott, world renown opera singer. Many have known Jarrett since a young child in our church. His voice brought goosebumps and tears to many of us. We can’t wait until he visits again and we wish him well in his travels.

How can you “be a blessing” today? Close your eyes, be still and listen ... see what God suggests. —And go do it!

-Sherry Hock

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5:30 pm 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month
9:45 am each week
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|-----------------------------------|---------------|
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**OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT**

*We, the people of Prince of Peace Evangelical  
Lutheran Church, will actively seek and serve  
Christ in all people.*

Would you like to place an article in  
the monthly newsletter? Highlight  
your ministry? Post a Thank you?  
Make an announcement?

**EARLY SUBMISSIONS ARE  
APPRECIATED!**

**Deadline date for the  
April Newsletter is:**

**Tuesday, March 10,**

*You may email your submissions to  
[poplcbangor@gmail.com](mailto:poplcbangor@gmail.com)  
Or give a handwritten items to  
Annette Buss*

**\*\*Items received after the  
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